GPRS in Tamil Nadu

4509. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of non-metro cities that are covered under the General Packet Radio Service (GPRS) in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the names of those cities or towns; and

(c) how many more areas would be coded to the above list this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is providing GPRS in 302 cities/towns in Tamil Nadu Telecom Circle Service Area, which does not include Chennai Metro Service Area.

(b) The names of the cities/towns by BSNL with GPRS are given in the Statement (See below)

(c) BSNL further proposes to extend the mobile coverage with GPRS up to Block Headquarter level subject to business and commercial viability.

Statement

Cities/Towns Covered by GPRS in Tn Circle

Acharapakka	Cheyyur	Hosur	Kavindapadi	Kuzhithurai	Nambiyur
Adiramapattinam	Chidambaram	Hayangudi	Kayalpatnam	Madhukarai	Nanguneri
Aduthurai	Chinnasalem	Jagadevi	Kayathar	Madhukkur	Nannilam
Alangulam	Coimbatore	Kadaladi	Kazhugumalai	Madhuran-thagam	Nathampatti
Ambasamudram	Colachel	Kadayam	Keelakarai	Madurai	Natrampalli
Ambur	Coonoor	Kadayanallu	Kelamangaiam	Mallipattinam	Nedumaram
Ammapettai	Cuddalore	Kalakadu	Kilianur	Manamadurai	Needamangalam
Aragandanallur	Daivachayala-puram	Kalapet	Kilpennathur	Mandapam	Nellikuppam
Arakkonam	Dalavaipura	Kalayarkovil	Kilvelur	Mannargudi	Neyveli
Aralvaimozhi	Dalmiya Nagar		Kinathukadavu	Marakanam	Oma'Hur
Aruppukotai	Devakkotai	Kalpakkam	Kodai	Marandahalli	Ooty
Avalpoondura	Devipattinam	Kammandoddi	Kodavasal	Marthandam	Ottapidaram
Avanam	Dharasuram	Kancheepuram	Kodumudi	Massinagudi	P. Puliampatti
Avanashi	Dharmapuri	Kanchikoil	Kollencode	Mathur	Painkulum

Ayyampettai	Dindigul	Kangayam		Matlampatti	Pallathur
Azhagankulam	Elaiyaramp	Kannaman-galam	Kothagiri	Mayiladuthurai	Pallikonda
Banawaram	Eppodum Vendran	Kanyakumari	Kothagiri	Mayiladuthurai	Pallikonda
Bargur	Eral	Karaikal	Koviladi	Melramanputhur	Panagudi
Bhagalur	Eravancheri	Karaikudi		Mettupalayam	Pandalkudi
Bhawani	Erode	Kraimadai		Modakurichi	Panruti
Peraurani	Sankarapuram	Thirukuvalai		Uthiramerur	Walajapet
Perichipalayam	Saravanapatty			Uthukkottai	Wandiwash
Pemampet	Sathankulam	Thirunallar		V K Pudhur	Watrap
Perumanallur	Sathyamangalam	Thirunelveli		VKoil	Yercaud
Perundurai	Sattur	Thirupanandal		V Natham	
PK Padi	Sayalkudi	Thiruppathur		Vadalur	
Pochampalli	Sembanarkoil	Thirupuvanam		Vaduvur	
Podathurpet	Sengipatti	Thirupuvadani		Valangaiman	
Pollachi	Shengottai	Thiruvaiyaru		Vallam	
Polur	Singampunari	Thiruvalankkadu		Vallam	
Pondy	Singarapettai	Thiruvannamalai		Vallanadu	
Ponneri	Sivaganga	Thimvarur		Vallioor	
Poondi	Sivagiri	Thiruvattar		Vaniyambadi	
Port Onova	Sivakasi	Thiruvellore		Vasudevanallur	
Pukkathurai	SP Koil	Thiruvengadu		Veeracholan	
Puliangudi	Sriperumbudur	Thiruvettipuram		Veeraganur	
Ragunathapuram	Srivilliputhur	Thisayanvilai		Velanganni	
Rajan Nagar	Sulagiri	Thyagadurgam		Vellakoil	
Rajapalayam	Sunguvarchatram	Tindivanam		Vellore	
Ramanatham	Surandai	Tiruchendhur		Vembar	
Rameshwaram	Swamimalai	Tiruppur		Veppur	
Ramnad	Takkalai	Tiruthani		VG Patty	
Ranipet	Tanjore	Tittakudi		Vijaymangalam	
Rasipuram	Tenkasi	Trichy		Vikramasingapuram	
Rayakkotai	Tharangambadi	Tuticorin		Vikravandi	
RR Nagar	Thekkalur	Udankudi		Villupuram	
RS Mangalam	Thiruchitrambalam	Udumalaipet		Virudhachalam	
Salem	Thirukalukundram	Ulundurpettai		Virudhunagar	
Samayapuram	Thirukattupalli			VThangal	
Sankaranooil	Thirukoilur	Uthangarai			

Increase of Commission of PCO Owners

4510. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state: